



# RSU 9 Update

July 17, 2020



## Planning Continues for Fall Reopening of Schools

Earlier this week at the RSU 9 Board of Directors meeting, Superintendent Meserve shared that the Maine Department of Education (DOE) has asked school districts to develop three models for a safe return to school in the fall - 1) a full return to the classroom; 2) a hybrid model (part classroom/part distance learning); and 3) full distance learning. District and building administrators are developing a draft framework for each model for consideration by the Board of Directors in early August. Classroom teachers and other staff are collaborating on the details related to safety, health, and learning.

We are expecting further guidance from the Maine DOE and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. For now, we are using the most recent Maine DOE [framework](#) to guide our work on what classroom learning could look like in the fall.

As a reminder, we are soliciting parent information as we plan for the 20/21 school year through *Monday, July 20*. Parents can complete [this survey](#) regarding schedules, devices, and transportation. Complete one survey per student; if you have multiple children, please complete a survey for each child.



Sincerely,  
Tina Meserve (Superintendent) and Laura Columbia (Curriculum Coordinator)

### Update on Project Horizon



All Project Horizon activities, RSU 9's strategic planning process, have been postponed until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. We will share more information as soon as we restart the process.

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### Thank you!

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Mt. Blue Regional School District. We recognize and appreciate how many of you went out to vote on the school district budget and for your town's representative/s on the RSU 9 Board of Directors.





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## ***Proposed Timeline for Review and Approval of the Models***

- Late July: Review Proposals with the Association
- Early August: Present draft proposals to Board of Directors
- August 5th-8th: Community Forums for Staff and Parent Feedback
- August 11th: Final proposals to the Board of Directors



## ***Committee Updates and Next Steps***

- Athletics and Co-Curricular
  - Health and safety protocols for summer athletics can be found [here](#)
  - Creating models for students to engage in activities/athletics
- Curriculum and Instruction
  - Prioritizing standards
  - Grading procedures
- Food Service
  - Establishing plans and guidelines for each of the three models
- Technology
  - Reviewing availability of devices for elementary students
  - Identifying needs of internet access
- Health and Wellness
  - Establishing safety procedures for staff and students
  - Ensuring structures for emotional safety for staff and students
  - Requiring face coverings for all staff and students when 6ft social distancing is not feasible
- Student Engagement and Motivation
  - Identifying ways that we can engage and motivate students
  - Establishing clear communication with families